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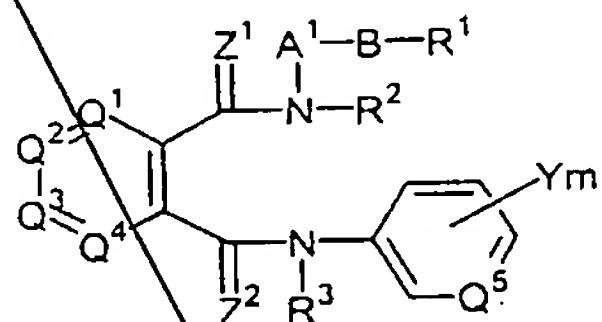
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows (see the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the below claim):

Claim 1. (Amended) An aromatic diamide derivative represented by the following general formula (I) or a salt thereof:



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{wherein A^1 is a (C₁-C₈)alkylene group; a substituted (C₁-C₈) alkylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group; a (C₃-C₈)-alkenylene group; a substituted (C₃-C₈)alkenylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkylthio(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group; a (C₃-C₈)alkynylene group; or a substituted (C₃-C₈)alkynylene group having one or more same or different

substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1 - C_6)-alkylthio groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylthio(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group; in the (C_1 - C_8)alkylene group, the substituted (C_1 - C_8) alkylene group, the (C_3 - C_8)alkenylene group, the substituted (C_3 - C_8) alkenylene group, the (C_3 - C_8)-alkynylene group or the substituted (C_3 - C_8)alkynylene group, any saturated carbon atom may be substituted with a (C_2 - C_5)alkylene group to form a (C_3 - C_6)cycloalkane ring; further in the (C_1 - C_8)alkylene group, the substituted (C_1 - C_8) alkylene group, the (C_3 - C_8)alkenylene group or the substituted (C_3 - C_8) alkenylene group, any two carbon atoms may be combined with an alkylene group or an alkenylene group to form a (C_3 - C_6)cycloalkane ring or a (C_3 - C_6)cycloalkene ring;

B is -CO- or -C(=N-OR⁴)- (wherein R⁴ is a hydrogen atom; a (C_1 - C_6)alkyl group; a halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl group; a (C_3 - C_6)alkenyl group; a halo(C_3 - C_6)alkenyl group; a (C_3 - C_6)alkynyl group; a (C_3 - C_6)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl(C_1 - C_4)alkyl group; or a substituted phenyl(C_1 - C_4)alkyl group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups, di(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1 - C_6)-alkoxycarbonyl groups);

R¹ is a hydrogen atom; a (C_1 - C_6)alkyl group; a halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl group;

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a (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group; a di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylamino group; a substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenoxy group; a substituted phenoxy group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl

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groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylthio group; a substituted phenylthio group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups;

R¹ may bond with A¹ to form a 4- to 7-membered ring which may contain, as a ring-constituting atom(s), one or two same or different atoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen atoms;

R² and R³ may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group or -A²-R⁵ [wherein A² is -C(=O)-, -C(=S)-, -C(=NR⁶)- (wherein R⁶ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group; a di(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different; a (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; or a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents

selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups), a (C₁-C₈)alkylene group, a halo(C₁-C₈)alkylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkenylene group, a halo(C₃-C₆)alkenylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkynylene group or a halo(C₃-C₆)alkynylene group;

(1) when A² is -C(=O)-, -C(=S)- or -C(=NR⁶)- (wherein R⁶ has the same definition as given above), R⁵ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)-alkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino

groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A³-R⁷ (wherein A³ is -O-, -S- or -N(R⁸)- (wherein R⁸ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)-alkylcarbonyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylcarbonyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenylcarbonyl group; a substituted phenylcarbonyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl group; or a substituted phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups); and R⁷ is a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₃-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)alkynyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)alkynyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)-alkylcarbonyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylcarbonyl group; a (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy

groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl group; a substituted phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups);

(2) when A² is a (C₁-C₈)alkylene group, a halo(C₁-C₈)alkylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkenylene group, a halo(C₃-C₆)alkenylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkynylene group or a halo(C₃-C₆)alkynylene group, R⁵ is a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a cyano group; a nitro group; a (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or

more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups, di(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1 - C_6)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1 - C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups, di(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1 - C_6)alkoxycarbonyl groups; or $-A^4-R^9$ (wherein A^4 is $-O-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-N(R^8)-$ (R^8 has the same definition as given above), $-C(=O)-$ or $-C(=NOR^4)-$ (R^4 has the same definition as given above));

~~(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl group; a substituted phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups;~~

~~(ii) when A⁴ is -C(=O)- or -C(=N-OR⁴)- (R⁴ has the same definition as given above), R⁹ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group;~~

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a di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylamino group; a substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenoxy group; a substituted phenoxy group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylthio group; a substituted phenylthio group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro

group, (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, mono (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups, di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, mono (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups, di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl groups];

R² may bond with A¹ or R¹ to form a 4- to 7-membered ring which may contain, as a ring-constituting atom(s), one or two same or different atoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen atoms;

Q¹ to Q⁴ may be the same or different and are each a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom which may be substituted with X, and X may be the same or different, and is a halogen atom; a cyano group; a nitro group; a (C_3-C_6) cycloalkyl group; a halo (C_3-C_6) cycloalkyl group; a (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, mono (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups, di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl groups];

C_6)alkylamino groups, di($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkyl groups, halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkyl groups, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkoxy groups, halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkoxy groups, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylthio groups, halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylthio groups, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)-alkylsulfinyl groups, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylamino groups, di($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; or $-\text{A}^5\text{-R}^{10}$

[wherein A^5 is $-\text{O}-$,

$-\text{S}-$, $-\text{SO}-$, $-\text{SO}_2-$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NOR}^4)-$ (R^4 has the same definition as given above), a ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylene group, a halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylene group, a ($\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$)alkenylene group, a halo($\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$)alkenylene group, a ($\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$)alkynylene group or a halo($\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$)alkynylene group;

(1) when A^5 is $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{SO}-$ or $-\text{SO}_2-$, R^{10} is a halo($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_6$)cycloalkyl group; a halo($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_6$)cycloalkenyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkyl groups, halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkyl groups, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)-alkoxy groups, halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkoxy groups, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylthio groups, halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylthio groups, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylsulfinyl groups, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)-alkylsulfonyl groups, halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylamino groups, di($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkyl groups, halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$)alkyl

groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkoxy}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkoxy}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylthio}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylthio}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfinyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfinyl}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfonyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfonyl}$ groups, $\text{mono}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylamino}$ groups, $\text{di}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylamino}$ groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkoxycarbonyl}$ groups; or $-A^6\text{-}R^{11}$ (wherein A^6 is a $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylene}$ group, a $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{-alkylene}$ group, a $(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{alkenylene}$ group, a $\text{halo}(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{-alkenylene}$ group, a $(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{alkynylene}$ group or a $\text{halo}(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{alkynylene}$ group, and R^{11} is a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a $(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{cycloalkyl}$ group; a $\text{halo}(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{-cycloalkyl}$ group; a $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkoxycarbonyl}$ group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkoxy}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkoxy}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylthio}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylthio}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfinyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfinyl}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfonyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfonyl}$ groups, $\text{mono}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylamino}$ groups, $\text{di}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylamino}$ groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkoxycarbonyl}$ groups; or $-A^7\text{-}R^{12}$ (wherein A^7 is $-\text{O-}$, $-\text{S-}$, $-\text{SO-}$ or $-\text{SO}_2\text{-}$, and R^{12} is a $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl}$ group; a $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl}$ group; a $(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{alkenyl}$ group; a $\text{halo}(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{alkenyl}$ group; a $(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{alkynyl}$ group; a $\text{halo}(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{alkynyl}$ group; a $(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{cycloalkyl}$ group; a $\text{halo}(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{-cycloalkyl}$ group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkoxy}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkoxy}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylthio}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylthio}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfinyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{-alkylsulfinyl}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfonyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{-alkylsulfonyl}$ groups, $\text{mono}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylamino}$ groups, $\text{di}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylamino}$ groups wherein the two alkyl

groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups);

(2) when A⁵ is -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁴)- (R⁴ has the same definition as given above), R¹⁰ is a (C₁-C₆)-alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group; a di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylamino group; a substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups,

halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups;

(3) when A⁵ is a (C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a (C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a (C₂-C₆)alkynylene group or a halo(C₂-C₆)alkynylene group, R¹⁰ is a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy

groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylthio}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylthio}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfinyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{-alkylsulfinyl}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfonyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfonyl}$ groups, $\text{mono}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylamino}$ groups, $\text{di}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylamino}$ groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{-alkoxycarbonyl}$ groups; or $-A^8\text{-}R^{13}$ (wherein A^8 is $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{SO}-$ or $-\text{SO}_2-$, and R^{13} is a $(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{cycloalkyl}$ group; a $\text{halo}(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{cycloalkyl}$ group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkoxy}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkoxy}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylthio}$ groups; $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylthio}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfinyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfinyl}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfonyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfonyl}$ groups, $\text{mono}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylamino}$ groups, $\text{di}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylamino}$ groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{-alkoxycarbonyl}$ groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkyl}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkoxy}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkoxy}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylthio}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylthio}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfinyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{-alkylsulfinyl}$ groups, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfonyl}$ groups, $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylsulfonyl}$ groups, $\text{mono}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylamino}$ groups, $\text{di}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylamino}$ groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{-alkoxycarbonyl}$ groups; or $-A^9\text{-}R^{14}$ (wherein A^9 is a $(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylene}$ group, a $\text{halo}(C_1\text{-}C_6)\text{alkylene}$ group, a $(C_2\text{-}C_6)\text{alkenylene}$ group, a $\text{halo}(C_2\text{-}C_6)\text{alkenylene}$ group, a $(C_2\text{-}C_6)\text{alkynylene}$ group or a $\text{halo}(C_3\text{-}C_5)\text{alkynylene}$ group, and R^{14} is a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a $(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{-cycloalkyl}$ group; a $\text{halo}(C_3\text{-}C_6)\text{cycloalkyl}$ group; a

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having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups));

the two Xs bonding to the adjacent two carbon atoms constituting the aromatic ring containing Q¹ to Q⁴ may bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the condensed ring may have one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups;

Q⁵ is a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom;

Y may be the same or different, and is a halogen atom; a cyano group; a nitro group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same

or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁵-R¹⁰ (A⁵ and R¹⁰ each have the same definition as given above);

the two Ys bonding to the adjacent two carbon atoms constituting the aromatic ring containing Q⁵ may bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the condensed ring may have one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, phenyl group, substituted phenyl groups having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups, heterocyclic groups, and substituted heterocyclic groups having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy

groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups;

m is an integer of 0 to 5;

*Z*¹ and *Z*² may be the same or different and are each an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom;

provided that (1) when each of *Q*¹, *Q*², *Q*³, *Q*⁴ and *Q*⁵ simultaneously represents a carbon atom, each of *R*² and *R*³ simultaneously represents a hydrogen atom, each of *Z*¹ and *Z*² simultaneously represents an oxygen atom, *X* is an iodine atom, *m* is an integer of 2, *Y* is 2-methyl group or 4-pentafluoroethyl group, *A*¹ is –CH₂CH₂– and *B* is –CO–; then *R*¹ is not an ethoxy group;

(2) when each of *Q*¹, *Q*², *Q*³, *Q*⁴ and *Q*⁵ simultaneously represents a carbon atom, each of *R*² and *R*³ simultaneously represents a hydrogen atom, each of *Z*¹ and *Z*² simultaneously represents an oxygen atom, *X* is an iodine atom, *m* is an integer of 2, *Y* is 2-methyl group or 4-heptafluoroisopropyl group, *A*¹ is –CH₂CH₂– and *B* is –CO–; then *R*¹ is not an ethoxy group;

(3) when *Q*¹ represents a nitrogen atom, each of *Q*², *Q*³, *Q*⁴ and *Q*⁵ simultaneously represents a carbon atom which does not have a substituent, each of *R*² and *R*³ simultaneously represents a hydrogen atom, each of *Z*¹ and *Z*² simultaneously represents an oxygen atom, *m* is an integer of 2, *Y* is 2-methyl group or 3-chloro group, *A*¹ is –CH₂CH₂CH₂– and *B* is –CO–; then *R*¹ is not an ethoxy group;

(4) when each of *Q*¹, *Q*², *Q*³, *Q*⁴ and *Q*⁵ simultaneously represents a carbon